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## City of Tucson Parks & Recreation Department

### TUCSON GREENS COMMITTEE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Tucson Greens Committee was called to order on Thursday, September 24, 2009. The meeting was held at Tucson Parks and Recreation, El Rio Golf Course, Clubhouse, 1400 W. Speedway Boulevard, Tucson, Arizona.

Committee Members present: Jack Rickard, Frank Salbego, Chuck Cushman, Raul Navarro, Larry Pagel, Joe Rodriguez, Cyril Shettleroe, and Scott Webster. Committee Members absent: Colette Barajas. Advisory Members present: Jim Benjamin. Advisory Members absent: Dr. David Kopec.

City Staff in Attendance: Fred Gray (Director – Parks and Recreation), Mike Hayes (Deputy Director – Parks and Recreation / Golf), Brent Newcomb (Golf Administrator), Steve Moors (Golf Operations Superintendent), and Jim Goettel (Golf Pro – El Rio).

#### I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

#### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 20, 2009

Mr. Salbego made the motion to approve the Minutes.

Mr. Shettleroe seconded the motion.

All were in favor, Minutes were approved 8 - 0.

#### III. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

None

#### IV. GOLF PROPERTY ON HOUGHTON ROAD – DISCUSSION – MR. SALBEGO

Mr. Salbego introduced Mr. David Flyer who presented a series of recent aerial photos of the property.

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## **V. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

None

## **VI. GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Mr. Newcomb presented his report. He related an inherent issue that comes with overseeding while the temperatures remain high, fungus. Particularly at El Rio the Maintenance crew is working on the control of the fungus. He also spoke on the quantity of Bermuda grass at El Rio, and the reduction of Khaki weed coverage.

Mr. Hayes added information regarding the improvements made during the summer closure. These include extensive cutting back of the trees along the north side of the driving range, repair of the net in the same location; replacement of the netting along the #18 fairway and #1 tee; recharging all the bunkers; and the installation of cart paths.

Mr. Salbego asked about cart path restrictions at El Rio.

Mr. Hayes replied that carts will be restricted to the path throughout the Winter season. However, those golfers with DMV Disabled Placards will be allowed to go 90°.

Mr. Hayes invited the Committee and those in attendance to tour the golf course, immediately after the meeting is adjourned.

## **VII. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

### **A. Golf Course Maintenance Inspection / Standards**

Mr. Rickard toured Silverbell, with Sean Nicholson, Parks & Golf Area Supervisor, on September 17. He reported that this was his first visit to the course since the consolidation of Pro Shop operations in to the Clubhouse, and he thought "it looked like it had been there for years". On the course he addressed the ailing cart paths, and that overall turf conditions were good.

### **B. City Amateur**

No report.

## **VIII. TUCSON CITY GOLF OPERATIONAL & FISCAL PLANNING – Discussion – Staff**

Mr. Hayes and Mr. Moors discussed the proposed Fee Schedule that is set for a Public Hearing at the October 14, Mayor and Council meeting. It was explained that the 18-hole Resident Rate was the base fee from which the other fees were determined. Committee members were given a spreadsheet listing the current fee, the proposed fee, and how each fee was calculated from the 18-hole Resident Rate.

Mr. Moors reminded the Committee that Range Ball and Golf Cart fees will also increase.

Mr. Navarro made a motion that the Greens Committee endorse the proposed Fee Schedule.

Mr. Shettleroe seconded the motion.  
The motion passed, 7 - 1.

## **IX. FIRST TEE / EL RIO – UPDATE**

Mr. Hayes told the Committee that at a recent 1<sup>st</sup> Tee Board Meeting that a grand opening was being planned for November 6, with Lorena Ochoa attending, along with some other local Pros.

Currently there are nearly 1,500 children registered in the program. Mr. Hayes continued that a \$40,000 grant had been received from the Department of Defense to allow 1<sup>st</sup> Tee staff to go Davis Monthan and Ft. Huachuca to work with children of service members who are deployed.

Mr. Hayes introduced Ryan Fitzgerald who is assisting Mr. Noble. Mr. Fitzgerald detailed some additional specifics of the D.O.D. grant. He also spoke of the programming efforts of getting in to the local schools. He said it is in place in several elementary schools in the Marana, Sunnyside and Vail school districts. TUSD is more of a struggle due to a lack of certified Physical Education teachers.

## **X. D.I.V.O.T.S. – Update**

Tabled.

## **XI. OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES REPORT**

Mr. Hayes pointed out to the Committee that even though TCG only had four (4) courses open in August 2009, compared to all five (5) courses having been opened in August 2008; revenues in August 2009 were \$5,000 higher.

**XII. GOLF PLAY STATISTICS**

Tabled.

**XIII. CONCESSIONS REPORT**

Tabled.

**XIV. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE**

Tabled.

**XV. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION**

The next Tucson Greens Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, October 22, at the Randolph Golf Complex, in the Cactus Room, at 3:00 P.M.

**XVI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

(No New Items)

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Salbego made the motion to adjourn.

Mr. Shettleroe seconded the motion.

All were in favor, 8 - 0.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 P.M.